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NEW RAIL LINE IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to start the construction of new railway line in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c): An updating survey for construction of rail line in Andaman & Nicobar Islands was conducted during 2002-03. The cost of construction of 250 Kms. long broad gauge line from Port Blair to Diglipur was assessed as Rs. 867.45 crore with negative rate of return. In view of unremunerative nature of the line and constraint of resources, the proposed new line was not taken up.